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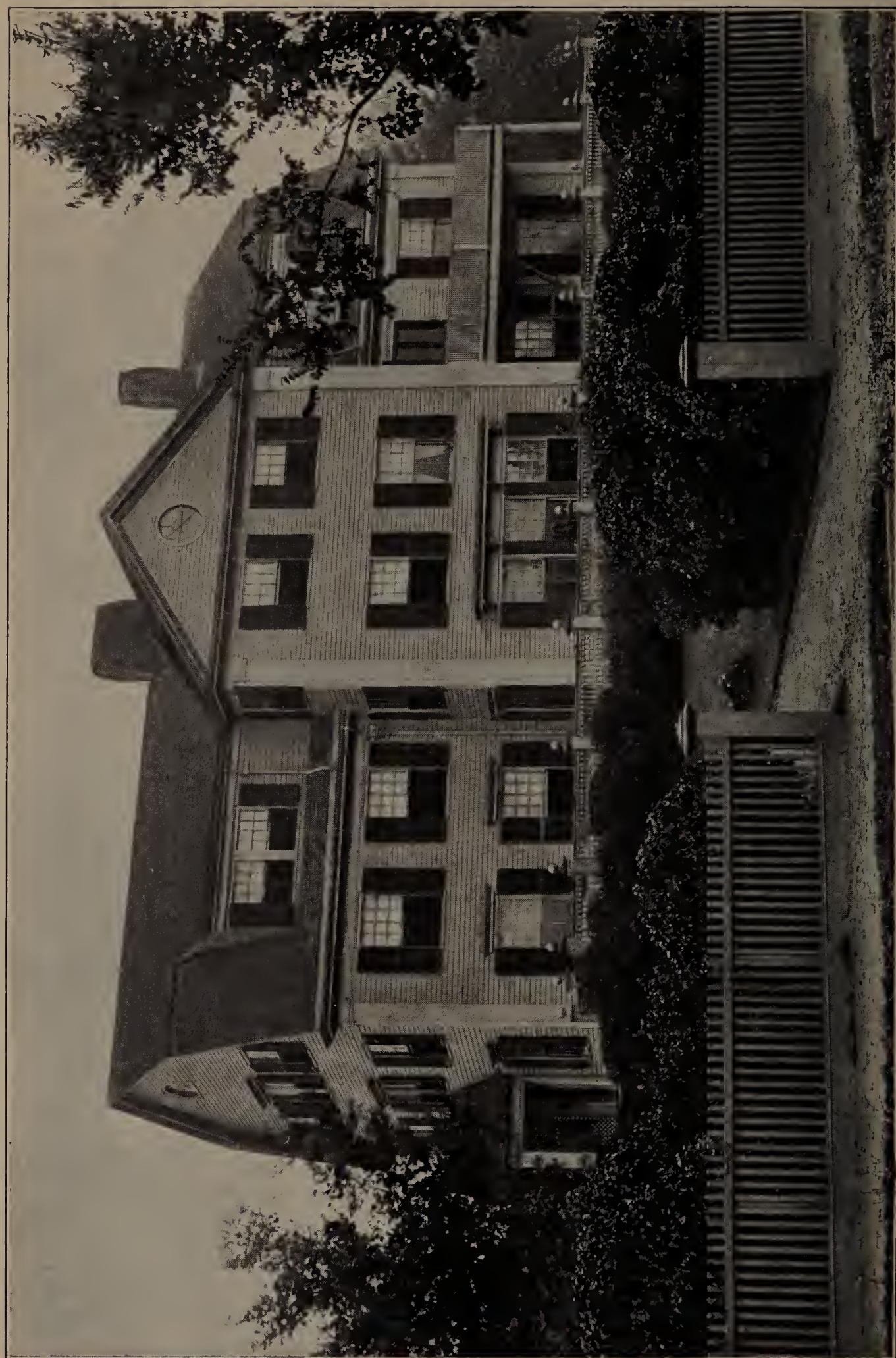
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Jan. 1. MRS. REED.	Jan. 15. MRS. BELL.
Feb. 1. MRS. DURANT.	Feb. 15. MRS. EARLE.
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July 1. MRS. DURANT.	July 15. MISS McCALLAR.
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Sept. 1. MRS. GOODRIDGE.	Sept. 15. MRS. EARLE.
Oct. 1. MRS. FOLSOM.	Oct. 15. MRS. BENNETT.
Nov. 1. MRS. BROOKS.	Nov. 15. MRS. REED.

Regular meetings of the Trustees are held at the Home on the second Friday in each month.

THIRTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE TRUSTEES OF
THE AVON HOME.

With mingled feeling of joy and sorrow, the Trustees of The Avon Home present this Annual Report.

We rejoice over the steady advance which the Home has made toward its high ideal,—that of aiding the destitute children in Cambridge according to the manner that careful and thorough investigation suggests. We sorrow over the death of our President, William Taggard Piper, who for twenty-five years served the Home, first as Trustee, then as Vice President, and for eighteen years as President. He gave most generously of his time, strength, and thought to the service of the Home, and his death has brought to it an irreparable loss.

The conditions at the Home remain practically unchanged. The same efficient Matron and Assistant Matron are in charge of the work, and the appearance of the children bears testimony that wise care has been bestowed upon them. There has been no serious illness among the children,—only light cases of measles, and in the summer a long siege of whooping-cough. During the extreme heat of July not a child was ill.

There are now thirty-four children in the Home, and forty-three at board. During the year, seventy-five have been admitted to the Home, and eighty-seven placed at board. Eighty-one have been discharged from our care, thirty-seven from the Home, and forty-four from board. Of these children, three are in free homes, going to school;

three are earning wages; one is on trial for adoption; for thirty-six full board is paid, either by parents or relatives; and one child is under the supervision of the Children's Aid Society. For the last few years the Home has been mainly one of young children. Of the thirty-four now in the Home, twenty-four are under seven years of age.

To supply clothing, in whole or in part, for one hundred and sixty-two children, taxes our resources heavily. Each child leaving the Home is given a complete outfit. Many of the children who are brought to the General Secretary to be placed at board have to be wholly re-clothed before they can be taken to the home selected for them, and a change of clothing also is given them. Donations of new or partially worn outside garments and clothing are earnestly solicited.

The work in the boarding-out department increased so rapidly that in June it was found necessary to employ an assistant for Miss Stannard, the General Secretary, and Miss Beatrice Vaughan was engaged on half time, which was extended to full time in October. The boarding homes are selected with great care, many of them have been known to the General Secretary for years, and they are under constant supervision. By a vote of the Trustees, each Trustee serving as monthly visitor at the Home is required to visit at least two of the boarding homes during that period, and to make a full report to the Board of Directors. Not only are cases of destitution among children called to the attention of the General Secretary, but many come to her for advice and help; if it be outside the sphere of our work, the applicant is put in touch with the organization which can give the help needed. Often many hours are consumed in such service, and no application is turned aside.

During the last year, Mr. Piper proposed a very important change. Realizing that Cambridge makes no adequate

provision for the care of sick babies, and believing that the modern method of placing children in private rather than institutional homes, leads to a more normal life for the child, he presented for consideration a plan to reduce gradually the number of children in the Home, and to open on the third story of the house a department for the care of those under two years of age who need medical or surgical treatment. Estimates of the expense involved were obtained, and plans for remodeling the upper story of the house had been made, when Mr. Piper's death, and later, the absence of the Vice-President in Europe, necessitated a postponement of this work.

Fortunately, nothing prevented the holding of the May Sale at the Home this year. The day was perfect, the friends of the Home came in large numbers, and the results were most gratifying, more than thirteen hundred dollars being realized. The Fair held by the Avon Club brought in somewhat more than four hundred and thirty dollars, a portion of which, at the request of the Club, was used to pay the board of one of the boys, and to purchase the clothing of a young girl, formerly in the Home, but now living with relatives. Through the interest and kindness of Mrs. William E. Wells, Mrs. John T. Prince, and Mrs. William A. Earle, fifty-six dollars and twenty cents, half the proceeds of a concert held at Riverbank Court, were given to the Home.

A legacy of five hundred dollars from Mrs. Sarah H. Swan has been added to the Permanent Fund. There are other legacies which have not yet been received.

In March, Rev. Francis L. Beal was elected Trustee in place of Rev. Robert Walker, resigned. In May, Rt. Rev. William Lawrence, D.D., resigned from the Board of Advisers, and we were fortunate indeed in securing Rev. George Hodges, D.D., to fill the position thus made vacant. By the death of Dr. J. T. G. Nichols, who was for many years on the staff of physicians, and later, a member of the

Board of Advisers, the Trustees have lost a firm friend, one who was ever ready to respond to any call made upon him.

The Trustees are sincerely appreciative of all help from other organizations, and welcome every opportunity to co-operate with them. At their requests, cases not typical of our work are occasionally received at the Home. The Infants' Hospital asked that a child suffering from elephantiasis be admitted to the Home. As both parents were earning good salaries, it was not a case of destitution. The child is a little girl, two and one-half years old. As she is of a strong imitative nature, it was thought that association with other children who were running about might lead her to make an attempt to use her feet. She was admitted. She stands now upon both feet when using the jumper, and the prospect of further improvement is encouraging.

We are very grateful to the physicians and specialists who have aided in our work, to the Avon Club for its continued interest and financial help, and to the friends, who by gifts of money or clothing have helped us to meet our responsibilities and to increase the scope of our work. We hope for the time when our organization and equipment will enable us to keep in touch with those who have gone from our care; their future welfare is a matter of vital interest to us.

The Home is open to the public at any and all times, and visitors are cordially welcome.

For the Trustees,

MARION H. LINCOLN, *Clerk.*

William Taggard Piper

Died July 25, 1911

IN profound sorrow we record the death of our President, WILLIAM TAGGARD PIPER.

He was an officer of rare ability whose sound judgment, patience and tact qualified him preëminently for this work.

The progressive spirit with which he met all suggestions for change and welcomed the assumption of added responsibilities steadily increased the sphere of the work and the usefulness of The Avon Home.

In connection with the boarded out system which has recently been adopted, he visited each child in its new home, and with intense interest and personal care, laid the foundation for a careful supervision of each home for the future.

Devoted as Mr. Piper had been for years to work among needy children, he had become especially impressed with the lack of provision for the proper care of sick infants, and the last months of his life were largely occupied with plans for extending the work of the Home to include a hospital for babies.

Mr. Piper's uniform kindness and courtesy endeared him to all his associates, and the memory of his life will be a continual inspiration to those who had the rare privilege of working with him.

In token of our sincere respect and deep regard we desire that this brief memorial be spread upon the records of the Home.

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
GENERAL SECRETARY.

In past years, it was thought sufficient if children were cared for and returned to their homes in good physical condition, and few if any plans were made for the betterment of the family as a whole. Now, we consider this one of the most important parts of our work, as we have learned there is very little hope for the future of any child returning to a poor home and bad surroundings with parents who do not know how to care for him.

One child came to us with a severe rheumatic and heart trouble, caused largely, the doctors felt, by the damp and poor condition of his home. The care of the boy in one of our country homes where he was brought to a condition of perfect health and strength, was comparatively simple; but the work of inducing the family to move, to secure a proper tenement for them, to keep up their courage until the change was really made, and then to hold them steady until they felt the new place was home, meant many visits and weeks of hard and patient work.

We have had one hundred and sixty-two children in our care during the year,—seventy-five in our institutional Home, and eighty-seven in our family homes. These figures show a large increase over last year.

Our number of applications is also much larger, two hundred and forty-two having been received and carefully investigated, and the wisest plan possible made for each. If an applicant does not reside in Cambridge, we refer him

to some Boston child-helping society. Twenty-five have thus been referred this year, and in each case we have received satisfactory coöperation.

When a young mother comes to us with her fatherless baby, or a deserted wife who is capable of doing house-work applies, we always try to place her with her child at service. Twenty-two have been thus placed by us this year, and in nearly every case, they are doing well.

Many of our cases are found to need simply a proper re-adjustment of family affairs. This means many friendly visits and much more work than it would if we should do as they wish and take the children. The united family which follows our labors is ample reward for any amount of work. Thirty-five of our applications we have been able to settle in this way. In thirty-eight other cases, we have induced relatives to take the children,—thus proving to them that they need no aid outside of their immediate family.

As we are not yet equipped to care for any hospital case, we have referred eighteen babies and ten older children to hospitals this year. We have, however, many very delicate children in our country homes. On the return of our hospital patients to their homes, we plan to visit and supervise them. In this we have been greatly assisted by the Visiting Nursing Association, whose superintendent has responded promptly to every call, and sent nurses to advise and train the mothers in the after care, which is such a necessary part of the cure of a returned hospital case.

When a child comes into our care we assume all the responsibilities of a good parent, and strive to bring his mental, moral, and physical condition to the highest possible level.

Many of our children have been operated on this year for adenoids and tonsil growth. Several have been taken to our oculist; others have been examined by alienists; still others have needed treatment for spinal troubles;

some have been obliged to wear a brace; and many have needed extra rubbing and care.

We have now in our Home a child with elephantiasis, who has never been able to use her left foot; but she is gaining, and we hope before many months she will be able to walk.

On the whole, considering the number of our children, and the variety of homes and conditions from which they come, we have wonderfully little sickness. This is largely due to the simple and regular life insisted upon.

We have been obliged to ask the Commonwealth to take only one child this year. We have placed one of our older boys in the Shirley Industrial School, to learn under restraint what he did not seem willing to learn in a happy home life. One boy, who was committed to us by the Court, showed signs of not being normal. Accordingly, we took him to Dr. Fernald, the alienist, who sent him to the Waverly School, where the necessary safeguards are provided. He is now improving.

Two of our children have died,—one a baby of less than a year, who came to us with a record of convulsions and an intermittent heart. He lived only a few days. The other was a baby of the same age, but doing well in one of our family homes. She developed whooping-cough and as she was cutting teeth at the same time, all efforts to save her were unavailing.

We have many tubercular children, and many from tubercular families, but though delicate when taken, they grow strong under our care, and show in after life no sign of the trouble which would doubtless have developed had they stayed with their parents.

Each year it is more apparent that little permanent good can be done by one society alone, but if they all work together, each on the special part to which it is best adapted, the result is vastly more satisfactory. This coöperation with the Associated Charities, the Anti-Tuberculosis

Society, the Paine Fund, and, in fact, every society in Cambridge, has enabled us to investigate, and properly help many more families than we could have done by our own unaided effort.

We constantly have children for whom special provision is necessary. This has been provided by outside contributions, but as the number of these children steadily increases the need for such contributions becomes greater.

On November 1, 1910, we had fifty-four children in our care; thirty-nine in our institutional Home, and fifteen in our family homes. On November 1, 1911, we have seventy-seven children; thirty-four in our Home, and forty-three in families. Of these, three are in free homes going to school, three are earning wages, one is on trial for adoption, and for thirty-six full board is paid.

E. O. STANNARD, *General Secretary.*

PERMANENT FUND OF THE AVON HOME.

Cambridge Horticultural Society Trust Fund	\$531.19
Legacy of Mrs. Lucy C. Tyler	200.00
Legacy of Mrs. Mary H. Flagg	10,000.00
Holly Tree	4,000.00
Mary Cheever Chandler Memorial Fund	150.00
Donation from Daniel H. Richards	100.00
T. B. Mackay Fund	1,000.00
Legacy of Mrs. Clarissa H. Rindge	2,500.00
Legacy of Mrs. Anna M. Woodman	5,000.00
Gracie A. Smith Memorial Fund	500.00
Mary E. Piper Fund	500.00
Donation from a friend	2,000.00
Legacy of Moses Wildes, 2d	2,000.00
Elizabeth H. Foxcroft Memorial Fund	303.82
Helen L. Edmands Memorial Fund	1,000.00
Legacy of Mrs. Caroline A. Wood	2,500.00
Legacy of Miss Mary E. Reed	172.13
Legacy of Mrs. Eliza P. Wilson	500.00
Legacy of Mrs. Emily A. Burleigh	500.00
Donation from Francis C. Foster	1,000.00
Legacy of Henry R. Glover	1,000.00
Legacy of Samuel Longfellow	500.00
Legacy of Jonathan W. Bemis	500.00
Legacy of Mrs. S. E. W. Brackett	5,000.00
Legacy of Miss Harriet A. Hayes	50.00
Legacy of Mrs. Mary E. Waitt	250.00
Legacy of James Mellen	1,000.00
John W. and Belinda L. Randall Fund	1,000.00
Legacy of Mrs. Harriet N. S. Fay	1,000.00
Legacy of Miss Hannah E. Moore	100.00
Legacy of Charles W. Oxford	500.00
Legacy of Miss Susie M. Ransom	18,020.00
Donation from Mrs. Lucy C. Bemis	250.00
Philip Rogers Bennett Memorial Fund	500.00
Frances Mary Mackay Fund	15,000.00
Legacy of Oliver H. Durrell	1,000.00
Legacy of Miss Lydia M. Palmer	2,000.00
"In Memory of Mother and Girard"	100.00
Legacy of Mrs. Julia A. Harding	20,000.00
Legacy of Epes Sargent Dixwell	5,000.00
Legacy of Isaac W. Danforth	5,000.00
Sale of farm at Concord, the gift of James Huntington	7,125.00
Legacy of Mrs. Fanny B. Lane	1,000.00
Legacy of Mrs. Mary Longfellow Greenleaf	4,000.00

Legacy of Mrs. Lucia M. Goodnow	\$500.00
Lucy E. Paine Fund	10,000.00
Henrietta Parker Whitney Davis Fund	2,000.00
Legacy of Mrs. Mary Grant Fisk	2,500.00
In Memory of Mrs. Caroline P. Bulfinch	50.00
Legacy of Miss Jane Chapman	200.00
Legacy of A. R. Dearborn	658.00
Legacy of James A. Woolson	3,000.00
Legacy of Mrs. Helen Augusta Porter	50.00
Legacy of Mrs. Ellen C. Goodwin	100.00
Donations from Morrill Wyman	1,200.00
Legacy of Alvin Hayes	500.00
Legacy of Mrs. Emmeline J. Smith	2,500.00
Legacy of Edward Gerrish	8,000.00
Legacy of Jacob Remick	16,538.08
Legacy of Andrew S. Waitt, in Memory of his wife, Mary E. (Belcher) Waitt	416.24
"In Memoriam, John H. Sturgis, Nov. 27, 1900-Sept. 10, 1909 "	500.00
Legacy of Frederick K. Stelling	1,028.54
Donation from Mrs. Davies Wilson	10.00
Legacy of Mrs. Sarah H. Swan	500.00
	<u>\$174,603.00</u>

Emergency Fund	\$500.00
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1911, Nov. 1.		1911, Nov. 1.
Balance cash on hand from old account		\$964.28
To Cash from year ending October 31, 1911:—		
One half Thanksgiving Collection in Grace M. E. Church	\$6.13	
Contribution from Christ Church Sunday School	10.00	
The Girls of the W. A. C. Club	5.00	
One half proceeds of Concert at Riverbank Court	56.20	
Proceeds of Sale at 49 Linnaean Street by Avon Club	403.80	
University Press	10.00	
St. John's Memorial Chapel	38.50	
Weekly Collection from Sunday School of First Parish Unitarian	16.49	
Henry Siegel Co., from Charity Contest	15.00	
The Hive	10.00	
Whatsoever Circle	25.68	
Prospect St. Junior Endeavors	4.00	
Individual Donations	202.00	
Annual Subscriptions	644.00	
May Sale	1,316.04	
General Income	7,191.23	
Board	3,269.75	
Parents for Special Needs	76.70	
For Baby Hospital Department	125.00	
Legacy of Mrs. Sarah H. Swan		\$13,425.52
		500.00
		<u>\$14,889.80</u>
By Cash paid for Expenses of the Home:—		
Salary of Matron and Employees		\$3,469.62
Provisions and Groceries		2,394.68
Fuel, Gas, and Water		665.77
Boots, Clothing, and Dry Goods		499.04
Furniture and House Utensils		87.65
Improvements and Repairs		144.97
Board		3,368.42
Sundries		693.61
		<u>\$11,323.76</u>
On account of General Secretary, Office, Traveling, and Incidental Expenses		1,812.93
Paid Committee on Permanent Fund		500.00
The Balance is apportioned as follows:—		
Appropriated for Clothing for Children at Board Held for Avon Club Fund		\$100.00
" " " Baby Hospital		672.04
" " " Current Expenses		125.00
		<u>356.07</u>
		1,253.11
		<u>\$14,889.80</u>
	MARY A. ELLIS, Treasurer.	

CAMBRIDGE, MASS., November 8, 1911.

We, the undersigned Auditors, hereby certify that we have examined the accounts of the Treasurer of The Avon Home and found them correct, with vouchers for all payments. We also verified the cash balance on hand after deducting the payments due as of October 31, 1911, and found the same to agree with the Treasurer's report, viz.: \$1,253.11.

Respectfully submitted,

SANFORD B. HUBBARD, }
WM. W. DALLINGER, } Auditors.

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS.

For the year ending November 1, 1911.

Mrs. G. W. Abbot	\$5.00	Miss C. A. Hedge	\$5.00
Mrs. D. G. Alden	1.00	Mrs. J. L. Hildreth	2.00
Mrs. F. A. Allen	1.00	Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Hildreth	25.00
Mrs. A. F. Amee	1.00	Mrs. W. L. Hooper	5.00
Mrs. John Amee	1.00	Mrs. A. A. Howard	2.00
Mrs. J. B. Ames	5.00	A. M. Howe	20.00
Mrs. M. C. Bacon	25.00	Mrs. Estes Howe	5.00
Miss M. J. Bacon	2.00	Miss K. McP. Howe	5.00
Prof. and Mrs. S. I. Bailey	2.00	Mrs. M. G. Howe	5.00
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Mrs. Walter Barker	1.00	Mrs. G. P. Johnson	2.00
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Miss L. M. Chamberlin	2.00	Miss Maria Murdock	10.00
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Mrs. G. W. Colburn	2.00	Mrs. G. W. C. Noble	5.00
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Miss Louise Dallinger	1.00	Mrs. F. G. Peabody	10.00
A. McF. Davis	50.00	Mrs. Franklin Perrin	2.00
W. M. Davis	10.00	Miss F. W. Pike	2.00
Mrs. A. L. Devens	5.00	W. B. Piper	2.00
Mrs. M. W. Dewey	1.00	Mrs. W. T. Piper	5.00
Miss A. A. Douglass	5.00	Mrs. H. C. Rand	2.00
Mrs. Robert Douglass	5.00	Mr. and Mrs. John Read	5.00
Mrs. A. F. Drinkwater	2.00	William Read	4.00
Mrs. W. B. Durant	5.00	Mrs. W. M. Richardson	5.00
Mrs. G. P. Dutcher	1.00	Mrs. G. B. Roberts	5.00
Mrs. C. W. Eliot	5.00	D. W. Ross	20.00
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Miss A. M. Goodwin	5.00	Mrs. Chauncey Smith	5.00
Miss Frances Gray	1.00	R. L. Snow	5.00
Miss M. A. Green	5.00	Mrs. A. F. Sortwell	5.00
Miss Elizabeth Harris	1.00	Miss Storer	10.00

Misses E. W. and H. L. Storer	\$10.00	Mrs. J. A. Wellington	. . . \$5.00
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Mrs. H. N. Tilton	. . . 1.00	Miss Mary Woodman	. . . 25.00
Mrs. R. N. Toppan	. . . 5.00	Walter Woodman	. . . 5.00
Benjamin Vaughan	. . . 30.00	Mrs. Walter Woodman	. . . 5.00
Mrs. J. B. Warner	. . . 10.00	Mrs. T. F. Wright	. . . 10.00
Mrs. A. C. Wellington	. . . 1.00		

INDIVIDUAL DONATIONS.

Mrs. F. V. Abbott	. . . \$15.00	Capt. C. F. Palfrey, in memory	
C. T. Carruth	. . . 25.00	of Mrs. A. P. Palfrey and	
The Misses Clark	. . . 5.00	Miss M. C. Palfrey	. . . \$10.00
Miss Julia Cronin	. . . 5.00	W. T. Piper	. . . 5.00
P. B. Dallinger	. . . 5.00	Mrs. T. C. Raymond	. . . 2.00
T. B. Gannett	. . . 50.00	Mrs. Benjamin Vaughan	. . . 2.00
A. M. Howe	. . . 10.00	Mrs. Warriner	. . . 1.00
Mrs. J. W. Hollis	. . . 5.00	Mrs. Davies Wilson	. . . 2.00
The Misses Peabody	. . . 50.00	Mr. Morrill Wyman	. . . 10.00

SPECIAL DONATIONS FOR THE PROPOSED
HOSPITAL FOR BABIES.

W. T. Piper	. . . \$25.00	A Friend	. . . \$25.00
Mrs. W. T. Piper	. . . 25.00	Mrs. J. B. Ames	. . . 50.00

Donations of money can be sent to any of the Trustees, or to the Treasurer, Miss MARY A. ELLIS, 20 Roseland Street, Cambridge.

FORM FOR LEGACY.

I give and bequeath to THE AVON HOME, of Cambridge, Massachusetts, the sum of _____ Dollars,
to be used for the general purposes of the Corporation.

MISCELLANEOUS DONATIONS FOR THE YEAR ENDING
NOVEMBER 1, 1911.

Donations of outer garments and clothing, especially for boys, are earnestly solicited. If donors to the Home would send with their gifts their full name and address, it would greatly assist the clerk in making out the list of donations. It sometimes happens that difficulty in getting the name causes errors and omissions in the list.

November, 1910.

Miss Helen Coolidge, one pair leggings.
Mrs. Herbert D. Foss, one corduroy coat, one cap, five pairs stockings, one pair mittens, one pair overshoes, one pair rubbers.
Mr. Arthur Joel, one bushel apples.
Miss Dodd's Kindergarten School, a loaf of cake, barrel of vegetables and fruit.
The Club, six aprons.
Mrs. Norton Folsom, two pairs slippers, two pairs hose, coat, four pairs rompers, three dresses, one pair leggings, a small blanket, three dozen oranges.
Mrs. J. Q. Bennett, a turkey.
Conant and Stockwell, a turkey.
Class II of Miss Wardwell's School, candy.
Mrs. F. W. Rogers, two loaves cake.
Mrs. W. B. Durant, ten quarts cranberries.
Mrs. George Howe, two undervests, one pair cotton drawers, four pairs shoes.
Mrs. Edward Channing, three hats, three waists, one pair mittens, seven white shields, one pair wristers.

December.

Boston Branch of the Needlework Guild, four skirts, four pairs drawers, two pairs mittens, one sweater, six pairs stockings, four flannel skirts, four rompers, thirteen dresses, six children's dresses.
In His Name Circle of King's Daughters, two Marseilles quilts.
Women's Alliance of the Austin Street Church, two dozen bibs.

Mrs. Norton Folsom, Christmas toys.
Mrs. E. W. Smith, thirty cards, one dozen petticoats, three dozen handkerchiefs.
The Merrill Kindergarten, box of Christmas toys.
The Margaret Shepherd Girls, fifteen pounds of candy.
Mrs. J. H. Thayer, picture.
Miss Maria Murdock, barrel apples.
Mrs. W. B. Durant, turkey.
Prof. W. M. Davis, one-half box oranges.
Mrs. C. F. Goodridge, Christmas toys.
Conant and Stockwell, turkey.
Mrs. R. M. Toppam, turkey.
Mrs. Charles Palache, Christmas toys.
Mrs. A. M. Howe, Christmas cake, two loaves Christmas bread.
J. H. Wyeth & Co., box of oranges.
Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Bright, four five-pound boxes of candy.
First Parish Church, Christmas tree.
The *Journal* Office, box of toys.
Mrs. Rossigne, three books.

January, 1911.

Miss M. E. Saunders, pictures.
Miss Florence Hicks, flowers.
Mrs. S. A. Eliot, two coats, two caps, a blouse, two pairs shoes.
The Hive, four dresses, two aprons, four flannel blouses, four pairs drawers.
Mrs. A. M. Sauveur, a child's crib, two pairs overshoes, three rompers, two dresses, toys, books, nursery-chair, child's set of furs.

February.

The Club, six blouses, two pairs night-drawers, one infant's wrapper, one pair drawers.

Miss Helen Coolidge, one pair rubber boots.

Ladies' Aid Society of the New Church, six gingham aprons.

Mrs. F. W. Rogers, four loaves of cake, three dozen fresh eggs, two jars preserves.

Mr. George H. Kent, box of valentines.

The Club, four aprons, three blouses, one infant's sack.

L. F. Chamberlin, toys and papers.

March.

Mr. W. J. Edwards, fancy paper.

Mrs. Helena Plum, box of clothing, two pairs shoes, two pairs hose, three shirts, five pairs drawers, three skirts, four pairs rompers, swing.

Mrs. A. D. Jenkins, flowers.

The Basket Club, five wrappers, one petticoat.

The Club, three aprons, two blouses.

Women's League of the North Avenue Baptist Church, six galatea dresses.

No Name Club, eighteen pairs cotton drawers, four cotton dresses, twelve blouses.

The Bee, eleven cotton waists, nine cotton dresses, one woolen dress, eighteen pairs cotton drawers.

April.

No Name Club, twelve pairs cotton drawers.

W. H. M. S. of the Shepard Memorial Church, ten gingham aprons.

The Hive, twelve pairs cotton drawers, nine pairs outing-flannel night-drawers, nine cotton nightgowns.

Mrs. Stoughton Bell, three pairs shoes, two pairs slippers, one bonnet, one sack, one bib, one pair hose, two pairs mittens.

Mrs. Edgar Crocker, three cotton suits for boys, one woolen suit, one coat, one cap, one pair gloves, six collars, two dozen shields, two undervests, four pairs under-drawers, five nightgowns, one dozen blouses, three bathrobes, five under-waists, one leather belt, six neckties.

Mrs. Robert D. C. Ward, box of infant's clothing.

Mrs. H. M. Spellman, one box infant's clothing.

Mrs. John Noble, Jr., one box of infant's clothing.

Mrs. H. L. Blackwell, one box of infant's clothing.

The Bee, two gingham dresses.

Miss M. E. Tompkins, two rubber plants.

The Hive, eighteen pairs cotton drawers, two pairs outing-flannel night-drawers.

The Club, three infant's dresses, two nightgowns, three blouses.

Sewing Club Limited, thirty-nine outing-flannel nightgowns, thirty-three aprons.

Miss King, picture.

W. J. Reilly & Co., three hood-top carriage frames.

Mrs. E. H. Bright, three pairs cotton hose, two cotton blouses, one pair trousers, two woolen suits.

Mrs. Arnold Dolmetsch, rocking-horse, doll-house with furniture, books, dolls, toys.

May.

Mrs. Edward Harris, flowers.

The Burnham children, flowers.

Mrs. Willard Martin, four dresses.

Mrs. Washburn, one hat, two pairs shoes, one pair slippers, three cotton skirts, one dress, three pairs corsets, three pairs cotton drawers, four undervests, a book, a bag.

June.

Mr. Arnold Wilson, flowers.

Mrs. A. M. Sauveur, magazines.

Church Home, South Boston, twenty tickets to recital.

Mrs. Fred. Jouett, one hat, six pairs hose, three undervests, three pairs under-drawers, four cotton suits, one woolen suit.

Mrs. E. G. Moody, one coat.

Miss Helen Coolidge, one pair rubbers.

No Name Club, twelve blouses.

Mrs. G. E. Close, three waists, eight shirts, three coats, thirteen cotton

dresses, three pairs shoes, three pairs slippers, three kimonos.
 Miss Caroline Hastings, two dozen tumblers jelly.
 Mrs. J. J. Greenough, seven sun-bonnets, five collars, two pairs boots, one pair slippers, games.
 The Hive, nine yards gingham.
 Mrs. E. H. Bright, three pairs trousers, four coats.
 Mrs. Edward Rantoul, two coats, two pairs leggings, four hats, two pairs rubbers, six pairs slippers, three white cotton skirts, seven white dresses, two white waists.
 Mrs. W. A. Earle, four cotton suits.
 Mrs. Norton Folsom, child's coat, a lady's woolen suit.
 Mrs. Samuel Noyes, fourteen yards dress goods.
 Miss E. W. Storer, two pictures.
 Mr. A. L. Howard, one child's coat and hat.
 Miss P. B. Noyes, six Japanese lanterns, box of Japanese novelties.
 Mrs. H. J. Hughes, ten cotton dresses, three hats, three underwaists, three undervests, two pairs sneakers, one pair shoes, two pairs slippers, toys.
 Miss Barbara Nolan, a doll-house, barn, cart, and blocks.
 A Friend, five pairs rubbers.
 Mrs. E. H. Newbegin, one cotton suit, one pair shoes, four pairs sneakers, four pairs hose, three cotton night-gowns, two pairs cotton drawers, one undervest.
 Mrs. Charles Peabody, books, nursery toilet table, toys.

August.

Mrs. W. M. Chamberlin, flowers.
 Mrs. George, bushel pears.

September.

Mr. Morrill Wyman, two bushel pears.
 Mrs. F. W. Taylor, four pairs stockings, suit of boy's clothing.
 Mrs. E. B. Koehler, clothes basket, bread-board, rolling-pin, dish-drainer, two can-openers, two paring knives, one clothes-horse, one dust-

pan, seven plates, two vegetable dishes.
 Miss C. A. Taggard, two cotton dresses.
 Mrs. G. W. Dow, two pairs slippers, one pair rubbers, picture book, one pair leggings, two skirts, one blanket, two pairs mittens.
 Mrs. M. G. Howe, box of pears.
 Rosamond and Helen Coolidge, buckboard.

October.

Mrs. A. K. Swett, coat and hat.
 Mr. Morrill Wyman, tomatoes and pears.
 Mr. E. A. Grozier, basket of pears.
 The Sunday School of the Christian Science Church, Cambridge, a year's subscription to the *Christian Science Monitor*.
 Miss Howard, a scrap-book.
 The Basket Club, five outing-flannel nightgowns, one skirt, one baby jacket.
 Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Howe, one barrel apples.
 Mr. William Brewster, one barrel apples.
 Mrs. Krebs, basket pears.
 The Club, six pairs cotton drawers, one blouse, one petticoat, one pair night-drawers.
 Miss Solatia Taylor, Christmas cards.
 Mrs. A. D. S. Bell, clothing.
 Mrs. J. Q. Bennett, clothing.
 Miss Louise M. Chamberlin, shoes.
 Mrs. W. B. Durant, clothing.
 Mrs. Norton Folsom, clothing.
 Mrs. W. A. Earle, clothing.
 Mrs. F. J. Goodridge, clothing.
 Mrs. F. W. Taylor, boy's clothing.
 Mrs. George Sheffield, clothing.
 Mrs. Kuno Francke, money and clothes.
 Mrs. C. H. Pearson, money and clothes.
 Mrs. William Brewster, money, care, [and clothing].
 Mrs. Mary Shaw, money.
 Mrs. Mary Simmons, clothing.

BY-LAWS OF THE AVON HOME.

ARTICLE I.

Name. — The name of this Corporation shall be "THE AVON HOME." Its object shall be to benefit Children found destitute within the limits of the city of Cambridge, as existing in 1874.

ARTICLE II.

Membership. — The members of this Corporation shall be twenty-three in number, to be called Trustees. Vacancies shall be caused by death, resignation, or by failure to attend for twelve consecutive months some meeting of the Corporation, without excuse satisfactory to the Trustees. When such failure occurs, the Trustees shall by vote record the fact, and declare the membership vacant. Vacancies shall be filled by the unanimous vote of the remaining Trustees. This article of the By-Laws shall not be altered, except by the unanimous vote of the Trustees.

ARTICLE III.

Officers. — The officers of the Corporation shall be a President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Clerk, a Committee of Three for the care of the Permanent Fund (one of whom shall be the President), and two Auditors, to be chosen by ballot from the Trustees at the annual meeting, or at some adjournment thereof, and to hold office for one year, and until their successors are elected and qualified. They shall severally perform the customary duties of such officers; and the President, or a committee previously appointed for the purpose, and Treasurer shall report at the annual meeting. The accounts of the Treasurer and of the Committee for the care of the Permanent Fund shall be audited at least once every year. The Trustees may, from time to time, appoint committees to aid in the transaction of business.

At the annual meeting the Trustees shall elect, to serve till the next annual meeting, a Board of Advisers, to consist of five or more persons, not Trustees, who may be called upon to consult and advise with the Trustees, and may be requested to meet with any of their committees or to assist in their work.

ARTICLE IV.

Meetings. — The annual meeting of the Corporation shall be held on the second Friday in November, at such place and hour as the President and Clerk may appoint. Regular meetings shall be held every month at some convenient place. Special meetings may be called by the President or any two Trustees, upon two days' notice, to be given by the Clerk. Eleven Trustees shall constitute a quorum at the annual meeting, and seven Trustees at any regular or special meeting.

ARTICLE V.

Seal. — The seal of the Corporation shall be circular in form, with the inscription, "THE AVON HOME, CAMBRIDGE, 1874," and shall be kept by the Clerk.

ARTICLE VI.

Amendments. — These By-Laws, with the exception of Article II., may be amended by a majority vote of all the Trustees at any annual meeting, or by the unanimous vote of the Trustees at any regular or special meeting, provided that a notice of the proposed amendment has been inserted in the call for such meeting.

RULES OF THE AVON HOME.

I. In admitting destitute children to the care of the Home, preference shall be given in the following order : *First*, to orphans and foundlings ; *Secondly*, to those whose parents or guardians surrender them to the Corporation for the purpose of adoption or during minority ; and *Thirdly*, to those not so surrendered.

Boys over seven and girls over twelve years of age shall not be admitted to live in the Home ; and, in general, boys over nine and girls over thirteen shall not remain at the Home. Children of greater age may be admitted to the care of the Home, to be placed in private families, as stated in Rule II.

Any child admitted to the care of the Home temporarily, without the parent or guardian giving up the child to the Corporation, in writing, for the purpose of adoption or during minority, shall be admitted for a definite time only ; and at the end of that time, if the same reasons continue to exist, the Trustees may re-admit the child for a further definite time, unless the child is given up as above stated.

II. Except in cases of urgent necessity, no child shall be admitted to the care of the Home without the consent, in writing, of two members of the Committee on Admission, or should there not be two members in the city, of any three Trustees, and a certificate of examination from the Visiting Physician. Each child shall be admitted to the care of the Home for three months on probation ; this period may be extended three months longer at the discretion of the Committee on Admission. Each case, accompanied by a full statement of the circumstances, shall be reported to the Corporation at its next regular meeting, and at the end of the period of probation the Corporation shall decide whether or not to admit the child for a definite time.

Children admitted to the care of the Home shall live in the Home or in private families, as determined by the Committee on Admission with the consent of the Trustees. The children in the Home shall be under the supervision of the Matron ; those in private families under the supervision of the General Secretary.

III. Every child must be vaccinated before entering the Home, unless specially excused by the Committee on Admission.

IV. No child in the care of the Home shall be allowed to visit friends or relatives for a longer period than a day, or over night, unless under distinctly favorable conditions, approved by one member of the Committee on Admission and the Matron (for children in the Home), or the General Secretary (for children in private families), and reported in writing to the Trustees at their next meeting.

V. All the children shall attend the same Protestant church and Sunday School, unless specially excused by vote of the Corporation.

VI. In case of death, no child shall be taken from the Home for burial without a religious service being held at the Home, except with the consent of one of the Committee on Admission, who fully understands the reasons for removal.

VII. The parents and relatives of the children shall be admitted to the Home on the first Sunday and third Thursday of each month, from 3 to 5 P. M., and at no other times, except by a special written permit from one of the Trustees. The nursery and playroom only shall be open to the parents and relatives of the children, except in cases of sickness.

Others interested in the Home will be welcome at any time.

VIII. The Matron shall have full authority in the Home, subject only to these rules and the votes of the Corporation and of the Executive Committee. She shall attend the meetings of the Committees on Adoption and Discharge, on Provisions and House Supplies, and on Clothing.

The Matron shall keep a journal of daily happenings and from it make a short written report for the regular meeting of the Corporation, mentioning such exceptional matters as should be made known to the Corporation.

The Matron and Assistant Matron shall not be absent from the Home at the same time, unless by special consent of the Monthly Visitor.

Information regarding children who are or have been in the care of The Avon Home, or regarding their relatives or friends, shall not be given by the Matron or employees in the Home to any one except a Trustee, and any request for such information shall be referred to one of the officers of the Corporation.

IX. The General Secretary shall investigate thoroughly, in coöperation with the Committee on Admission, all applications for the admission of children to the care of the Home, and make prompt report thereon to the chairman, or in her absence to some other member, of the committee.

She shall also maintain relations with parents while their children are in the care of the Home, with the object of aiding to remove the unsatisfactory conditions that led to the admission of the children ;

and continue in relation with children and their parents or other relatives after the withdrawal of the children from the care of the Home, with a view to preserving the good influences which it is hoped the Home will have exerted on those under its care.

It shall further be the duty of the General Secretary to investigate families where children may be boarded, and to visit children who are placed in private families; to continue in relation with rejected applicants, with the object of aiding them to improve the conditions which led to application; to be present at the Home on the first Sunday and usually on the third Thursday of each month, from 3 to 5 P.M., in order to aid the Matron in meeting parents and other visitors; to meet, when requested, with the Committee on Admission and with the Committee on Adoption and Discharge; and to make a report in writing at each monthly meeting of the Trustees.

X. At the annual meeting, or as soon thereafter as possible, the President shall appoint the Monthly Visitors for the ensuing year, arranged in two lists, those on one list to begin visiting on the first of each month, and those on the other list to begin on the fifteenth, each to visit the Home one month. It shall be the duty of the Visitors, during their term, to visit the Home at least twice a week, and at various hours of the day, some of these visits to be on the visiting days for parents; to examine all parts of the house and to report in writing at the regular meeting, stating the number of children at the Home and the changes that have occurred since the last meeting, and making any suggestions and criticisms regarding the management of the Home that should be brought to the attention of the Trustees. Every monthly visitor shall visit at least two of the boarding homes each month, one in Cambridge, the other to a home outside of Cambridge; these visits to be made in company with the General Secretary, if possible.

XI. The Standing Committees of the Corporation, to be appointed by the President at the annual meeting, shall be as follows:—

1. A Committee on Admission, who, in addition to the duties mentioned above, shall keep a register containing the names, ages, and birthplaces of the children, date of admission, and any other information obtained.

2. A Committee on Adoption and Discharge, who shall be thoroughly acquainted with the case of every child admitted to the care of the Home, and shall, so far as possible, secure permanent homes elsewhere for those given up to the Corporation. They shall also continue to have an oversight of all children who have left the care of the Home, but have not returned to their parents or immediate relatives.

3. A Committee on Clothing, who shall have entire charge of all clothing that goes into the Home, and shall attend to all cutting done there. Every gift of clothing of any kind, if sent first to the Home, must be laid aside by the Matron, and not used till examined by one of the committee. Every gift of goods or money for clothing is to go to the chairman of the committee.

4. A Committee on Provisions and House Supplies, who shall have entire charge of that department.

5. A Committee on Repairs, who shall attend promptly to all necessary repairs, when the amount to be expended does not exceed fifty dollars; an amount exceeding that sum must not be expended without previously obtaining the consent of the Corporation.

6. An Executive Committee, who shall have, in the interval between the meetings of the Corporation, all the powers of the Trustees, except as to the expenditure of sums exceeding fifty dollars. This Committee shall report any exercise of its powers at the next meeting of the Corporation for its approval.

The chairman of each committee shall present at the annual meeting a full report, in writing, of the work of the committee for the preceding year.

XII. All bills shall receive the written approval of the committee or person authorized to make the expenditure before payment by the Treasurer.

XIII. The Committee of Three for the care of the Permanent Fund shall have the care and custody of all securities and other investments held for the support and maintenance of The Avon Home, and shall collect the interest and other income and pay the same to the Treasurer, who shall receipt therefor. They shall make all permanent investments, keep an account thereof and of the income therefrom, and report to the Corporation at the annual meeting, and such other times as the Corporation may request. They shall rent a box in the vaults of the Cambridge Trust Company, which shall be opened only in the presence of two members of the said Committee.

